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SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT AT MARCH 14 SENIOR POLADS MEETING ON UTILITY OF ENTRUSTING CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOW- UP TO COORDINATING COMMITTEE, VARYING VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED ON TIMING OF ALLIED PROPOSAL TO THIS EFFECT. FRENCH REP SUGGESTED THAT US, FRENCH, AND UK TEXTS ON MANDATE MIGHT SERVE AS SEQUENTIAL FALL- BACK POSITIONS. THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FOR UK LANGUAGE (USNATO 1201) ON " NEW CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY." END SUMMARY.

1. PER STATE 45668, US REP CIRCULATED TEXT SECTION III, USNATO 1077 AS POSSIBLE MANDATE FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND NOTED THAT WE COULD JOIN CONSENSUS THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE SHOULD CONSIDER QUESTION OF FOLLOW- UP. AT SAME TIME, US REP STRESSED THAT WE DID NOT RPT NOT SEE PROPOSAL
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TO ENTRUST FOLLOW- UP TO COORDINATING COMMITTEE AS DEVICE
AVOID FOURTH AGENDA ITEM. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO US POSITION.

US REP SUGGESTED THAT TIMING FOR PRESENTATION OF ALLIED VIEWS ON HANDLING OF FOLLOW- UP SHOULD BE LEFT TO HELSINKI DELEGATIONS.

2. GENERAL REACTION TO US TEXT WAS THAT IT WAS MINIMUM POSSIBLE BOW TO SOVIET DESIRE FOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. UK REP SUGGESTED THAT VERY NEUTRAL FORMULATION " DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF FOLLOW- UP TO THE CONFERENCE" WAS UNLIKELY TO SATISFY SOVIETS. FRENCH REP AGREED BUT ADDED THAT HE FOUND UK FORMULATION OF " NEW CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY" EXCESSIVE AND UNACCEPTABLE. MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS AGREED WITH FRENCH EVALUATION OF UK LANGUAGE. AS ALTERNATIVE, FRENCH REP PROPOSED THAT ALLIES EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF USING LANGUAGE AT END OF PARA I(B) OF FRENCH PAPER ON COORDINATING COMMITTEE (USNATO 1008) WHICH FOCUSES ON QUESTION OF MAINTAINING CONTINUITY OF CSCE AND POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL CONFERENCES. SEVERAL REPS OBSERVED THAT FORMULATION IN US DRAFT MANDATE ON TIMING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE' S FORMATION WAS TOO VAGUE AND SUGGESTED CHANGING " WILL BE FORMED" TO " WILL BEGIN ITS WORK." US REP SAID HE FOUND THIS PROPOSAL REASONABLE.

3. SEVERAL REPS OBJECTED TO LANGUAGE ON " NEW CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY" IN UK DRAFT MANDATE, WHICH UK REP SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DROP. FRENCH REP SUGGESTED CHANGE IN LAST SENTENCE OF UK MANDATE SO THAT IT WOULD READ " WHEN A SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A FIELD WHERE NO SUITABLE INSTITUTIONS EXIST, THE COMMITTEE MAY AT ITS DISCRETION RECOMMEND TO THE CONFERENCE PROPOSALS LIKELY TO MEET THIS SPECIFIED REQUIREMENT FOR AS LONG AS THIS MAY BE NECESSARY." AT FIRST GLANCE, UK REP SAID HE THOUGHT THIS FORMULATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. SEVERAL OTHER REPS COMMENTED FAVORABLY.

4. BELGIAN, DUTCH, LUXEMBOURG AND ITALIAN REPS URGED THAT ALLIES HOLD OFF ON ANY PROPOSAL THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE HANDLE FOLLOW- UP UNTIL AS LATE IN MPT AS POSSIBLE. NORWEGIAN REP, WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM DANE, SAID HE SAW NEED FOR AGREED TEXT SOON, ON CONTINGENCY BASIS WITH TIMING OF TABLING LEFT LARGELY TO HELSINKI MPT DELEGATIONS.

5. CANADIAN REP, WITH SUPPORT FROM SEVERAL OTHERS, SUGGESTED THAT FRENCH, UK, AND US REPS ATTEMPT PRODUCE JOINT DRAFT
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MANDATE. FRENCH REP TERMED THIS PREMATURE AND ASKED WHETHER ALLIES NEEDED AGREED TEXT. RATHER, HE SUGGESTED THAT SERIES OF GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE FALLBACKS, PERHAPS BEGINNING WITH VERY NEUTRAL FORMULATIONS ON FOLLOW- UP IN US DRAFT, WOULD BE MORE USEFUL. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD SEND US TEXT TO PARIS AND COMMENT ON IT AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING. CANADIAN REP DEMURRED SOMEWHAT AND SUGGESTED THAT ALLIES SHOULD SEEK AGREED FORMULATION EXPRESSING THEIR POSITION RATHER THAN FORMULATION WHICH SOCIETS MIGHT BUY.

6. COMMENT: WHILE WE BELIEVE IT MAY POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE ALLIED CONSENSUS ON MANDATE CLOSE TO TEXT WE TABLED MARCH 14 AS INITIAL ALLIED POSITION, WE BELIEVE THAT UK TEXT, AS AMENDED BY FRENCH REP (PARA 3 ABOVE) WILL GAIN CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT IN SPC. FRENCH TEXT (USNATO 1008) PRESENTS MORE PROBLEMS IN THAT IT MENTIONS EXAMINATION OF QUESTIONS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE CSCE' S AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AS FUNCTIONS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE. DEPARTMENT' S COMMENTS ON FRENCH TEXT AND ON AMENDED UK TEXT WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR MARCH 23 MEETING.

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